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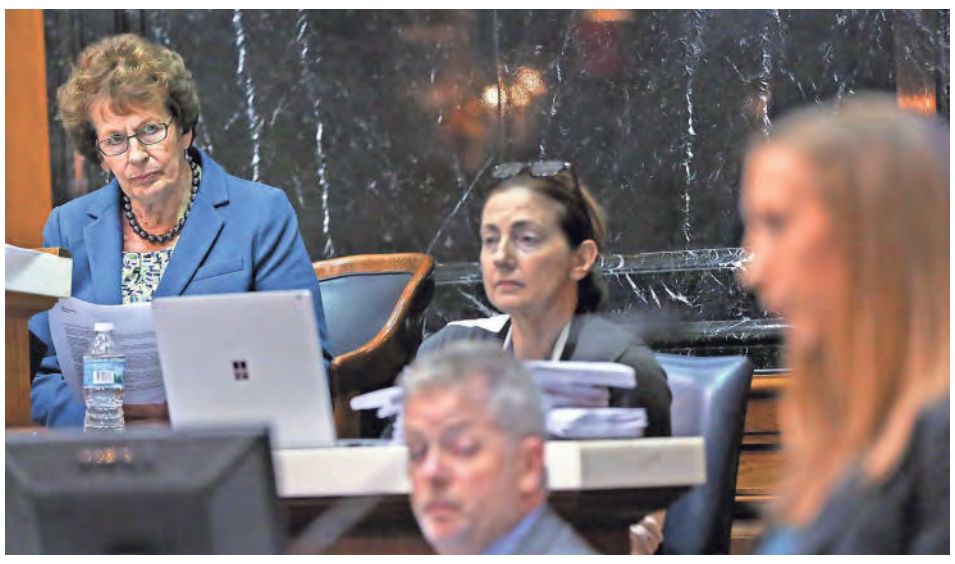

Alcohol Code Revision Commission Chairwoman Beverly Gard (left) supported the cold beer expansion. KELLY WILKINSON/INDYSTAR

Beer plan goes flat

Attempt to expand sales of cold brews at grocery, convenience and drug stores fizzles in narrow vote

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The prospect of getting a cold six-pack at your local grocery store has once again fallen flat.

After a nail-biter vote, a panel working to revise Indiana's alcohol laws will not recommend allowing pharmacies, grocers and convenience stores to sell cold beer — something that has long been the well-protected province of liquor stores.

The recommendation failed even though the vote was 8-7 in favor. That's because nine of the 17 members had to vote in favor of the recommendation for it to pass. Two members — Gina-Gail Fletcher and Alex Huskey — were absent.

The tight vote was even more dramatic because one member — Judge William Boklund — switched his vote in the middle of the roll call, joining proponents of cold beer access.

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Michael Flynn leaves court in Washington on Friday after he pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI. SUSAN WALSH/AP

GUILTY PLEA FOR FLYNN

Former Trump official cooperating with investigation by Mueller, leading deeper into president's team

Michael Flynn, the former national security adviser to President Donald Trump who met with a Russian ambassador during the transition, has pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI.

Flynn is cooperating with special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian election meddling and possible ties between the Trump campaign and the Kremlin. That threatens to ensnare more members of Trump's inner circle, as prosecutors say Flynn's contacts were coordinated by a "senior official" from the transition team, whom some news outlets identified as Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner.

A lawyer for Trump tried to downplay Friday's events, portraying Flynn primarily as an official from the Obama administration.

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"I recognize that the actions I acknowledged in court today were wrong, and, through my faith in God, I am working to set things right. My guilty plea and agreement to cooperate with the Special Counsel's Office reflect a decision I made in the best interests of my family and of our country."

Michael Flynn
Former national security adviser to President Donald Trump

Indy Public Schools to request $1B for pay, work on buildings

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Indianapolis Public Schools wants to ask taxpayers for nearly $1 billion over the next eight years for teacher raises, school building improvements and special education services.

The state's largest school district hopes to put two referenda on the ballot in the May 2018 primary. The operating referendum IPS wants would raise $92 million annually for eight years, to pay for teacher raises and special education services.

A capital referendum would generate $200 million to fund the district's Safe and Equitable Schools Project, which calls for renovating and improving school facilities, making safety enhancements and upgrading classroom technology and equipment.

The district estimates the total monthly tax impact to be $28.45 per month, or about $350 a year, for the owner of a $123,500 home — the median home value within the district. Individual tax impacts would depend on property value.

The district will hold public meetings Dec. 12 and 14 to take public input before the school board votes on the measures.

In an appeal posted to the district's webpage, it says IPS needs more funding to compete with surrounding school districts for top teachers.

"We must increase teacher pay to retain high-quality teachers and help recruit new teachers," it says.

The plan would allow the district to give all employees an annual 2 percent cost of living raise and maintain cost-neutral health care benefits. Without the referendum, the statement says, IPS could be

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